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For: METHOD FOR UTILIZING A FUEL BY USING EXOTHERMIC  
PRE-REACTIONS IN THE FORM OF A COLD FLAME

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TO LESSEN FEES

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 4, line 1, delete "at least one of claims 1 to 3",  
insert --claim 1--; in line 2, change "claim 1" to  
--step--.

Claim 5, line 1, delete "at least one of claims 1 to 4",  
insert --claim 1--; in line 2, delete "of claim 1",  
in line 3, delete "of claim 1".

Claim 6, line 1, delete "at least one of claims 1 to 5",  
insert --claim 1--; in line 4, delete "of claim 1".

Claim 7, line 2, delete "of claim 1", in line 3, delete "of  
claim 1"

Claim 8, line 1, delete "at least one of claims 1 to 7",  
insert --claim 1--; in line 2, delete "of claim 1".

Claim 9, line 1, delete "at least one of claims 1 to 8",  
insert --claim 1--;

Claim 10, line 1, delete "at least one of claims 1 to 9",  
insert --claim 1--;

Claim 11, line 1, delete "at least one of claims 1 to 9",  
insert --claim 1--;

Claim 12, line 2, delete "of claim 1",

Claim 13, line 1, delete "at least one of claims 1 to 12",  
insert --claim 2--; line 2, insert --said-- immediately  
before "fuels" and delete "as defined in claim 2"; line  
4, delete "of claim 1".

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Claim 14, line 2, delete "of claim 1",

Claim 15, line 1, delete "claims 9 and/or 14",

insert --claim 9--;

Claim 16, line 1, delete "at least one of claims 1 to 15",

insert --claim 1--; in line 2, delete "of claim 1".

Claim 17, line 1, delete "at least one of claims 1 to 16",

insert --claim 1--; in line 2, delete "of claim 1".

Claim 18, lines 1 and 2, delete "at least one of claims 1 to 17", insert --claim 1--;

19 (amended). [Use of the product prepared by the] The process according to claim 9 [in a process according to at least one of claims 1 to 17], wherein the process is repeated using the product of step (b) as the starting fuel.

#### REMARKS


The foregoing Preliminary Amendment is requested in order to delete the multiple dependent claims and avoid paying the multiple dependent claims fee.

Early action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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